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## SIMMONS STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF AL-QAEDA LEADER ABU MUSAB AL-ZARQAWI

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today released the following statement regarding the death of the leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"This is good news that this vicious leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq has been killed. It is good news because it was a joint operation where Iraqi forces played a major role in providing intelligence and securing the site after the bombing. It is good news because it was an operation which occurred in the same week that the Iraqi government named Ministers of Defense and Interior. It is good news for the Jordanian family whose wedding he blew up. It is good news for the innocent Iraqi men, women and children who were victims of this monster. Of course, it is not the end of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, but it is a major disruption to their organization and an important benchmark for the Iraqi people as they work to secure their own independent country."

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